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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice mailed August 14, 2006, and prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 9.

Attachments are listed on page 10.

Remarks begin on page 11.